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CHANCES FOR FREE WHITE LABOR—
LETTER FROM SIGNOR ALVARADO.

New York, Feb. 7, 1861.

To the Editors of the N. Y. Evening Post:
I have perused with great satisfaction the
letter of the Hon. E. G. Squier, in the Evening
Post of Monday, addressed to Senator Anthony,
on the subject of cotton cultivation in Central
America, and it has suggested to me a few
ideas which may not be without interest, at
this time, to the American public.

1. Although Mr. Squier has a very exact
knowledge of the production of cotton in Central
America, yet he has not stated the case as
strongly as the facts warrant. In Honduras,
and particularly in the valleys of the large
rivers, the cotton plant flourishes with a luxu-
riance entitling it, after a growth of two or three
years, to the designation of a tree, producing
two crops a year of a minimum each of five
pounds, and a maximum of from ten to twelve
pounds. A plantation will last from eight to
nine years, without renewal; and furthermore,
as the plant is one on which animals do not
feed, as on maize, &c., it requires little protection,
and may be cultivated at a minimum of
cost and trouble in the way of enclosures. In
fact, once started, a cotton plantation over-
comes and kills all other vegetation.

I have long reflected on this branch of in-
dustry and export in Honduras, and have sent
considerable quantities of cotton to Europe,
where it has been examined and tested in
Manchester, Glasgow, Rouen, and St. Paul,
and also to New York and Boston. The re-
ports from all these points have been very
nearly the same, and in every respect all that
could be desired. In Manchester it was re-
ported nine pence, or eighteen cents, per pound,
and in Boston, according to the report of Mr.
J. Raye, seventeen cents per pound.
But, unfortunately, our Central American
roads do not admit of the transportation of so
bulky an article; and in order to its cultivation
with profit, it will be necessary to select plan-
tations accessible to commerce, on the sea
coast or in the valleys of navigable rivers, and
if such places shall be far from the large towns
or more populous districts of country, capable
of supplying the requisite labor, it is evident
that the enterprise of producing this staple
must be supported by adequate capital, and by
labor introduced from abroad, or attracted by
the assurance of good and steady pay.

I think the moment has arrived for trying
the experiment of cotton cultivation in Central
America, with free labor; and if the matter
were taken in hand here by a company with a
sufficient capital to commence work on a proper
scale, I am entirely certain that the results
would be equally satisfactory and brilliant.

2. But it is not alone as regards cotton that
Honduras offers great attractions. The whole
Atlantic declivity abounds in precious woods,
the value of which will more than cover the
cost of clearing the lands designed for cultiva-
tion. On the lands which I have specially re-
ferred to, the supply of precious woods is very
large, and there is also a great number of ulu
or India rubber trees, which in themselves
would furnish an inconsiderable source of re-
venue. These are inducements extra, in con-
sidering the value of the country for cotton
supply.

3. After the plantations of cotton are once
established, they require no care except
twice a year, at the periods for gathering
the crops. The remaining time would conse-
quently be free for other operations, such as
the cultivation of sugar. In general the indige-
nous cane, called "tata," attains a height of
three yards; the Jamaica variety from ten to
ten and a half yards. Neither requires irriga-
tion, nor do they require replanting oftener
than once in from twelve to fourteen years. Va-
rious considerable rivers that penetrate the
country offer facilities for the introduction of the
requisite machinery connected with this cul-
ture.

4. As regards coffee, I hardly know what to
say, beyond that there are thousands of places
where it can be produced as well as in Costa
Rica, and the coffee of that country, it is well
known, is second to none produced on this
continent. I can bear witness to the fact that
it often produces as high as twenty to thirty
pounds to each tree.

5. Cocoa is indigenous on the lands to which
I have referred, and grows wild in the forests
which cover the greater part of the plains of
Bula. Several small plantations have been
started there, which at the end of three years
have given an average return of five dollars per
tree, at the prices of cocoa in the country itself.

6. Tobacco is equal in size and excellence with
that of Cuba and also produced here. Its only
inferiority results from want of care in cultiva-
tion. This difficulty could easily be remedied.
Nevertheless, the tobacco of Santa Rosa, better
known throughout Central America and parts
of Mexico as that of "Copan," has a high re-
putation for excellence. Considerable quanti-
ties have been exported to Cuba, and there
manufactured into genuine Habanas. A con-
siderable quantity, made by myself, to France, although
damaged by the voyage, brought 150 francs the
hundred pounds.

You have here a hurried resume of the avail-
able products of this region. I could enter
more largely into statistics, but my purpose is
only to furnish hints for reflection, and to direct
attention more particularly to the valuable sug-
gestions thrown out by Mr. Squier. If, in view
of present or future complications in the South,
the Government of the United States would en-
courage enterprise in the direction of Central
America, whether in the way of emigration or
by favorable commercial discriminations, I am
sure the results would astonish the commercial
and industrial public of this country.

In regard to the allegation that white men
cannot labor in the regions I have indicated, I
have only to say that I have myself established
plantations of coffee and cocoa in the plain of
Bula, which is less salubrious than most parts
of the country, and that they are worked by
emigrants from France, who labor as efficiently
as in their own country, and with no greater
inconvenience from climate or other causes.

The experience of the filibusters proves little
as regards the salubrity of the country. They
suffered greatly, it is true, from the obvious
causes of exposure, harassment, scanty and
bad provisions, and dissipation. Their fatigues
were infinitely greater than any which the agri-
culturist would be called on to endure. And
yet these filibusters, epidemics aside, got on as

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well as any equal number of men, under simi-
lar conditions, in any part of the world.
But admitting that it would not be prudent
to commence operations with foreigners, yet
there need be no deficiency of laborers, espe-
cially now, when the cutting of mahogany is nearly
suspended. The Caribs and other laborers
of the North Coast are almost entirely without
work, and would not fail to flock to any point
where sure and good pay could be obtained.
Should the English company, which has now
the Honduras railway in hand, go on with that
work; or should they adopt the plan of build-
ing a preliminary tram road, which they have
under consideration—in either case the facts
connected with cotton and sugar culture in
Central America will be invested with still
greater importance. But even without that
work, the country offers extended facilities and
unlimited resources to the enterprise, intelli-
gence, and capital of the Northern States, and
simple means of supplying all deficiencies in
tropical staples, which may result from any po-
litical complication that may arise.

Very truly, LEON ALVARADO.

IMMIGRATION.

The State Department has issued its formal
statement in regard to the number, sex, age,
and occupation of passengers arriving in the
United States by sea from foreign countries
during the year ending December 31, 1860.

The arrivals in 1860 were 179,469; of those,
108,550 were males, and 70,833 females; sex
not stated, 86. The number of deaths on the
voyage was 222. Of the whole number of pas-
sengers, 26,051 were natives of the United
States, 13,091 of England, 48,637 of Ireland,
50,746 of Germany, 3,745 of Prussia, 6,467
of China, 1,384 of the West Indies, Greece and
Malta sent 1 each. New Zealand sent 2.

Of the passengers, 173,491 stated they in-
tended to reside in the United States, 3,018
said nothing about it; 1,519 were bound to
British America, 598 to Great Britain.

Of their occupations, 11,207 were merchants,
13,033 mechanics, 27,742 farmers, 31,268 labor-
ers, 116 lawyers, 221 physicians, 108 musicians,
27 actors, and 93,000 did not state their occu-
pation.

The report concludes with a statement of the
number of passengers arriving in the United
States by sea from foreign countries from Sep-
tember 30, 1843, to December 31, 1860. The
whole number arriving within that period is
4,386,441, of whom probably more than four
millions were aliens. We copy the statistics,
showing the number of arrivals for the last ten
years, viz:

Years.	Males.	Females.	Sex not stated.	Total.
1851	245,017	163,745	55	408,828
1852	235,731	160,174	1,428	397,343
1853	236,782	164,718	72	401,572
1854	284,837	175,587	—	460,424
1855	140,181	90,283	12	230,476
1856	135,808	89,188	—	224,996
1857	162,558	109,020	—	271,578
1858	99,648	54,704	300	144,652
1859	96,078	52,743	481	149,302
1860	108,550	70,833	86	179,469

DIVERSION OF RED RIVER.—It Proposes to
flow to the Gulf by a New Channel. It has
for some years been evident, that by a sure
and rapid process the connection between Red
river and the Mississippi is being cut off. The
effect of the complete consummation of this
process, now going on with extraordinary
rapidity, will be to divert Red river into the
Atchafalaya, which affords a channel for its
waters, and compels it to flow to the Gulf at
Berwick's Bay. Thus the whole of the im-
mense and productive region lying in the
valley of the Red river will suffer the embar-
rassment of being shut off from communication
with its natural market; while New Orleans
will lose the rich trade which the river country
annually pours into her lap. These contingencies
are not remote. They will surely happen
within a few years, if something be not done to
obviate them. For some years past the con-
nection between Red river and the Mississippi
has been growing more and more precarious,
till, in low water, it is almost entirely lost. In
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